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Applicant hereby submits the attached RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT for entry in the above-noted application.

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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated March 24, 2008,

Applicants submit the following.

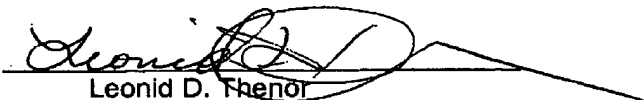
In order to provide a complete response to the restriction requirement, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, Species I, identified by the Examiner as Claims 1-17 and 23-26, drawn to an extractor comprising a capturing section connected to a plurality of reagent containers via a flow path.

If the Examiner believes that there are any matters which can be resolved by way of either a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 503.43983X00).

Respectfully submitted,
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